

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 343:

A bill to be entitled an act relative to surety and guaranty companies and corporations, firms and persons engaging in the business of becoming sureties upon bonds of employes to employers.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

L. J. REEVES,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And the bill contained in the above report was placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

By permission—

Mr. Marks introduced:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 373:

A joint resolution in reference to moneys for the Florida exhibit at the Atlanta Exposition.

Mr. Marks moved that the rules be waived and Senate Joint Resolution No. 373 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 373 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Mr. Peacock moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, May 28, 1895.

TUESDAY, MAY 28, 1895.

The Senate convened pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Blitch of 20th, Broome, Chipley, Darby, Fleming, Hartridge, Hicks, Morrow, McKin-

ney, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Perrenot, Phipps, Reynolds, Thompson, Wadsworth, Whidden and Williamson—21.

A quorum present.

On motion, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with. The Journal was corrected and approved.

Mr. Reynolds offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 54:

Whereas, Under a resolution adopted by the Senate several weeks ago, directing the Secretary of the Senate to prepare and revise daily a calendar of bills on their respective readings; and

Whereas, It has been customary heretofore to pay extra for this service, inasmuch as the secretary receives nothing for keeping the executive record; which is an extra labor performed by no other clerk; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the secretary of the Senate, as in past sessions, be allowed the sum of one hundred dollars for this work, and the sergeant-at-arms is hereby instructed to enter the same on the pay roll of this body.

Mr. Reynolds moved the adoption of the resolution;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Williamson offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 55:

Resolved, That the President of the Senate is authorized to employ a competent person to index the Journal of the Senate, the compensation to be the same paid other clerks of the Senate for the number of days actually employed, upon the approval of the Attorney-General.

Mr. Williamson moved the adoption of the resolution;

Which was not agreed to.

Introduction of Bills.

By permission—

Mr. Phipps introduced:

Senate Bill No. 374:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 6, of chapter 4048, Laws of Florida, the same being entitled an act to regulate the inspection and sale of beef, and to repeal chapter 3613, Laws of Florida, approved February 16, 1885, also chapter 3897, Laws of Florida, approved May 31, 1889.

Mr. Phipps moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 374 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 374 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By permission—

Mr. Thompson introduced:

Senate Bill No. 375:

A bill to be entitled an act to fix the fees for inspection and disinfection of vessels for the port of Fernandina.

Mr. Thompson moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 375 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 375 was read first time by its title.

Mr. Thompson moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 375 be read the second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 375 was read second time by its title.

Mr. Thompson moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 375 be read the third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 375 was read the third time in full and put upon its passage.

Upon call of roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blitch of 20th, Chipley, Darby, Fleming, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Perrenot, Phipps, Reeves, Reynolds, Thomas, Thompson, Weeks and Whidden—23.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Thompson moved that Senate Bill No. 375 be immediately certified to the House of Representatives;

Which was agreed to.

Messages from the House.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 256:

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the admission of the Carlisle Mortality Table as evidence in certain cases.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Hartridge moved that the rules be waived, and House Bill No. 256, contained in above message, be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 256 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 375:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the board of county commissioners of the county of Duval, to build and maintain a bridge across St. Johns river in said county.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Hartridge moved that the rules be waived, and House Bill No. 375, contained in above message, be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 375 was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Hartridge moved that he be permitted to substitute this bill for Senate Bill No. 340, and that House Bill No. 375 take the place of Senate Bill No. 340 on the calendar, and that Senate Bill No. 340 be withdrawn;

Which was agreed to.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate :

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 393:

A bill to be entitled an act for the protection of fish in certain waters of this State.

And would respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Morrow moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 398, contained in above message, be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 398 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate :

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 394:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Mutual Bank of Florida.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Morrow moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 394, contained in above message, be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 394 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 240:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to the water front of the municipality of Pensacola.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Morrow moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 240, contained in above message, be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 240 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Joint Resolution 75A:

“Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Florida,”

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

The resolution, returned from the House of Representatives, having previously been read a first time in the Senate, Mr. Adams moved that the rules be waived and House

Joint Resolution No. 75A be read the second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Joint Resolution No. 75A was read second time by its title.

Mr. Adams moved that the rules be waived and House Joint Resolution No. 75A be read the third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Joint Resolution No. 75A was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yea—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blitch of 20th, Broome, Chipley, Daniel, Darby, Fleming, Hartridge, Hicks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Perrenot, Phipps, Reeves, Reynolds, Thompson, Wadsworth, Weeks, Whidden and Williamson—26.

Nays—None.

So House Joint Resolution No. 75A, having received a three-fifths vote of all the members elected to the Senate was adopted.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 28, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 395:

A bill to be entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 395, contained in above message, be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 395 was read first time by its title.

Mr. Chipley moved that consideration of House Bill No. 395 be made the special order for 11:30 A. M. tomorrow;

Which was agreed to.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 28, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has appointed Messrs. Harp, of Putnam; Wilder, of Hillsborough, and Moore, of Santa Rosa; as members of the joint commission of the House to attend the dedication of the National Park at Chickamunga, September 19, 20 and 21, 1895, under a Concurrent Senate Resolution No. 12.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

The President appointed Messrs. Chipley and Reynolds on such committee on part of the Senate.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 28, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 307:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the city charter of the city of Tampa.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 307 was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1895. }

HON. FRED. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate :

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Memorial No. 157:

Memorial to Congress of the United States for an appropriation of one hundred thousand dollars for improvement to the harbor and approaches thereto of the city of Apalachicola.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Memorial No. 157 was ordered referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate :

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 169:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent persons from enticing seamen to abandon their vessels.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 169 was ordered referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 141:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the estate of Angus Nicholson, deceased.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 141 was referred to Committee on Enrolled Bills.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. McLin, Chairman of the Committee on Public Lands, submitted the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 28, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred—

Senate Joint Resolution No. 372 :

A joint resolution in reference to selling certain lots certified to the State for taxes.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and recommend it do pass.

Very respectfully,

B. E. McLIN,
Chairman Committee on Public Lands.

And the bill contained in the above report was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Hartridge, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 370:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize railroad and canal companies to condemn land and water rights for terminal facilities.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 371:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize a married woman who is a free dealer to sell, convey and mortgage her real property.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and report favorably and recommend that they do pass.

Very respectfully,

JOHN E. HARTRIDGE,

Chairman Committee on Judiciary.

And the bills contained in the above report were placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. McLeran, Chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 28, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate :

SIR—Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act for the relief of Frances I. Granger, widow of B. G. Granger, deceased, late clerk of the county of DeSoto.

Also,

An act to protect owners of stallions, jacks and bulls.

Also,

An act to allow sheriffs to serve papers when made ex-officio defendants and to accept service therein.

Also,

An act to repeal an act entitled an act to organize a county court in and for DeSoto county, to prescribe its jurisdiction and powers, to provide for the appointment of a prosecuting attorney and for his compensation, and for the compensation of the judge of said court, approved May 17, 1893.

Also,

An act to incorporate the Titusville, Canaveral and Peninsular Railroad company, and to grant certain lands to aid in the construction of the same.

Also,

An act to prohibit lotteries and games of chance, and to prescribe penalties therefor.

Also,

An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Western Peninsular Railroad company, and to grant certain aid in the construction thereof; approved May 26, 1893.

Also,

An act confirming the rights, powers and franchises of the Tropical Development and Navigation Company of Florida, and granting aid thereto.

Also,

An act to amend sections 2, 6, 9, 11 and 18, chapter 4272 of the Laws of Florida, entitled "an act to incorporate the Savings and Trust Bank of Florida, and to confer certain rights and privileges thereon," and to enlarge the powers and privileges of said bank.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and find them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

A. W. McLERAN,

Chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. McLeran, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 28, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act for the relief of Frances I. Granger, widow of B. G. Granger, deceased, late clerk of the county of DeSoto.

Also,

An act to protect owners of stallions, jacks and bulls.

Also,

An act to allow sheriffs to serve papers when made ex-officio defendants, and to accept service therein.

Also,

An act to repeal an act entitled an act to organize a county court in and for DeSoto county; to prescribe its jurisdiction and powers; to provide for the appointment of a prosecuting attorney and for his compensation, and for the compensation of the judge of said court, approved May 17, 1893.

Also,

An act to incorporate the Titusville, Canaveral and Peninsular Railroad company, and to grant certain lands to aid in the construction of the same.

Also,

An act to prohibit lotteries and games of chance, and to prescribe penalties therefor.

Also,

An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Western Peninsular Railroad company, and to grant cer-

tain aid in the construction thereof, approved May 26, 1893.

Also,

An act confirming the rights, powers and franchises of the Tropical Development and Navigation company of Florida, and granting aid thereto.

Also,

An act to amend sections 2, 6, 9, 11 and 18, chapter 4272, of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act to incorporate the Savings and Trust Bank of Florida, and to confer certain rights and privileges thereon, and to enlarge the powers and privileges of the said bank.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and find them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

A. W. McLERAN,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. Weeks moved that the Senate take up and consider bills on third reading.

Mr. Reynolds moved as an amendment that the bills be taken up under the roll-call, and that bills on both the second and third reading may be called up;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved that the rules be waived and that Mr. Darby be allowed to call up Senate Bill No. 343;

Which was agreed to.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

A message from the Governor was received.

Mr. Darby called up—

Senate Bill No. 343:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to surety and guarantee companies and corporations, firms and persons in the business of becoming sureties upon bonds to employes.

Mr. Darby moved that he be allowed unanimous consent to offer the following amendment:

In line 3, section 6, strike out "twenty-five" and insert "five."

In line 6, section 6, strike out "twenty five" and insert "five;"

Which was granted.

Mr. Darby moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was unanimously agreed to.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Broome, Darby, Dougherty, Morrow, McKinney, Palmer of 14th, Thomas, Weeks and Williamson—9.

Nays—Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blitch of 20th, Chipley, Daniel, Fleming, Genovar, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks, Mc-

Leran, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Peacock, Perrenot, Phipps, Reeves, Reynolds, Thompson, Wadsworth and Whidden—20.

So Senate Bill No. 343 failed to pass.

Mr. Myers called up—

House Bill No. 208:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the DeSoto, Lee and Gulf Railway Company.

Mr. Phipps moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 208 be read second time by its title:

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 208 was read second time by its title.

Mr. Phipps moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 208 be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 208 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Blitch of 20th, Chipley, Daniel, Dougherty, Fleming, Genovar, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Perrenot, Phipps, Reeves, Thomas, Thompson, Wadsworth, Weeks, Whidden and Williamson—25.

Nays—None.

So House Bill No. 208 passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Hartridge called up—

House Bill No. 375:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the board of county commissioners of the county of Duval to build and maintain a bridge across the St. Johns river in said county.

Mr. Hartridge moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 375 be read second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 375 was read second time by its title.

Mr. Hartridge moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 375 be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 375 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Blitch of 20th, Chipley, Daniel, Darby, Dougherty, Fleming, Genovar, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Perrenot, Phipps, Reeves, Reynolds, Thomas, Thompson, Whidden and Williamson—26.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

And House Bill No. 375 was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Hicks called up—

Senate Bill No. 170:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 2 of chapter 4048 of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act to regulate the inspection and sale of beef, and to repeal chapter 3613, Laws of Florida, approved February 16, 1885; also chapter 3897, Laws of Florida, approved May 31, 1889.

And Senate Bill No. 170 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blitch of 20th, Chipley, Darby, Dougherty, Fleming, Genovar, Hicks, Marks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Perrenot, Phipps, Reeves, Reynolds, Thomas, Thompson, Weeks and Whidden—24.

Nays—Mr. Palmer of 11th—1.

So Senate Bill No. 170 passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Morrow called up—

Senate Bill No. 282:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to the salaries of certain administrative officers.

Mr. Morrow moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 282 be read second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 282 was read second time by its title.

Mr. Morrow moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 282 be read the third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 282 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Broome, Chipley, Darby, Fleming, Genovar, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks, Morrow, McLeran, Perrenot, Phipps, Reeves, Reynolds, Thomas and Thompson—18.

Nays—Messrs. Blitch of 20th, Dougherty, McKinney, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Wadsworth and Whidden—9.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. McKinney called up—

House Bill No. 259:

A bill to be entitled an act to increase the criminal jurisdiction of justices of the peace.

Mr. McKinney moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 259 be read second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 259 was read second time by its title.

Mr. McKinney moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 259 be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 259 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blitch of 20th, Chipley, Darby, Dougherty, Fleming, Genovar, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Perrenot, Phipps, Reynolds, Thomas, Thompson, Wadsworth and Whidden—25.

Nays—None.

So House Bill No. 259 passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Wadsworth was permitted to withdraw Senate Bill No. 294.

Mr. McLeran called up—

House Bill No. 232:

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the payment of costs in criminal cases in the circuit courts and Supreme court of this State.

Mr. McLeran moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 232 be read second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 232 was read the second time by its title.

Mr. McLeran moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 232 be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 232 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blitch of 20th, Chipley, Darby, Dougherty, Fleming, Genovar, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Thomas, Thompson, Wadsworth, Weeks and Whidden—22.

Nays—Messrs. Palmer of 11th, Phipps, Reeves and Reynolds—4.

So House Bill No. 232 passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. McKinney moved that all bills passed by the Senate this morning be immediately certified to the House of Representatives;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty moved that House Joint Resolution No. 86 be made the special order for 11 o'clock, Thursday, May 30, 1895;

Which was agreed to.

The President handed down the following communication from the Governor:

STATE OF FLORIDA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
TALLAHASSEE, May 28, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I have the honor to inform the Senate that I have to-day approved the following bill which originated in that body, to-wit:

An act to repeal chapter 4219 of the Laws of 1893, entitled an act to establish a county court in and for Columbia county, Florida.

And have filed the same with the Secretary of State.

Very respectfully,

H. L. MITCHELL,
Governor of Florida.

The hour of 12 M. having arrived, being the hour set apart for the consideration of the special order, being House Joint Resolution No. 77—

Mr. Adams moved that consideration of the same be temporarily passed until after the executive session;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Genovar moved that the Senate go into executive session;

Which was agreed to.

And at 12 o'clock the chamber was cleared.

The doors were closed and the Senate went into executive session.

Doors opened at 12:25 P. M.

The roll was called and the following senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blitch of 20th, Broome, Chipley, Daniel, Darby, Fleming, Genovar, Hart-ridge, Hicks, Marks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Reeves, Reynolds, Thomas, Thompson, Wadsworth, Weeks, Whidden and William-son—28.

A quorum present.

Mr. McLin called up—

Senate Bill No. 196:

An act to be entitled an act to amend section 1, of chapter 4030, of the Laws of Florida, so as to provide for the payment of attorneys' fees in garnishment before courts of Florida,

Was taken up and read the third time in full and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blitch of 20th, Chipley, Darby, Fleming, Genovar, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks, Morrow, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Phipps, Reynolds, Wadsworth, Whidden and Williamson—19.

Nays—Messrs. Daniel, Palmer of 14th and Peacock—3.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Williamson, Chairman of the Special Committee to investigate the books and papers of the phosphate inspector, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 28, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your committee to investigate the books and papers of the phosphate inspector, herewith submit the following report: We have summoned before us said inspector who reports as follows:

REPORT OF PHOSPHATE INSPECTOR.

There are three companies mining on the Alafia river, and one on Lake Hancock, that are now paying royalty to the State. Of these, the Peruvian Phosphate company, the Tampa and the Alafia river are located on the Alafia river, and the Lake Hancock on the lake. These paid in the aggregate for the year 1894, the sum of \$12,289.05.

On Peace river no company is paying a royalty to the State, but there are suits pending against all companies claimed by the State to be liable, as shown by the attorney general's report. The royalty from these companies is estimated by the inspector to amount to the sum of \$100,000.

These are the George W. Scott Manufacturing company, the Arcadia Phosphate company, the Peace River Phosphate company and the Charlotte Harbor Phosphate company.

The inspector has no duties except those imposed upon him by the board of phosphate commissioners.

Very respectfully,

A. M. WILLIAMSON,
Chairman Committee.

Which was ordered spread on the journal.

Mr. Palmer of 11th called up—

Senate Bill No. 200:

A bill to be entitled an act for the benefit and protection of creditors of insolvent traders.

And Senate Bill No. 200 was read the third time in full and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blitch of 20th, Broome, Chipley, Darby, Dougherty, Fleming, Genovar, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks, Morrow, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Peacock, Phipps, Reynolds, Thomas, Thompson and Wadsworth—22.

Nays—Messrs. Daniel, McKinney, Palmer of 14th, Reeves and Weeks—5.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

And the action of the Senate was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Hartridge moved that when the Senate adjourn, it adjourn until 4 o'clock this afternoon;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty moved that the House of Representatives be requested to return to the Senate House Joint Resolutions Nos. 32 and 83, proposing amendments to the Constitution;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hicks moved that the Senate do now adjourn;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

4:00 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Blitch of 20th, Broome, Chipley, Daniel, Darby, Dougherty, Fleming, Hartridge, Hicks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of

11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Perrenot, Phipps, Reeves Reynolds, Thomas, Thompson, Wadsworth, Weeks, Whidden and Williamson—28.

A quorum present.

Mr. Reynolds moved that the rules be waived and that the Senate take up messages from the House of Representatives;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Messages from the House.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 28, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate :

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 60:

A bill to be entitled an act to promote and protect horticultural and agricultural interests in the State of Florida.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Reynolds moved that the rules be waived, and House Bill No. 60, contained in above message, be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 60 was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 28, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate :

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 401:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Atlantic and Gulf Railway company, and to grant certain aid in the construction thereof.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Reynolds moved that the rules be waived, and House Bill No. 401, contained in above message, be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 401 was read first time by its title.

Mr. Reynolds moved that the rules be waived, and that House Bill No. 401 be read second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 401 was read the second time by its title.

Mr. Reynolds moved that he be permitted to substitute House Bill No. 401 for Senate Bill No. 367 on the calendar, and that he be permitted to withdraw Senate Bill No. 367;

Which was agreed to.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 384:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the levy of taxes for the years 1895 and 1896.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Adams moved that the rules be waived, and House Bill No. 384, contained in above message, be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 384 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 28, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 411:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend sections 23, 38, 46 and 47, of an act entitled an act to provide for the registration of all legally qualified voters in the several counties of the State, and to provide for general and special elections and for the returns of elections, approved May 25, 1895.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives

Mr. Adams moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 411, contained in above message, be read first time its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 411 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 28, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has appointed Messrs. Bennett of Lake, Peacock of Suwannee, Wells of Washington, Wall of Putnam and McSween of Walton the committee of conference on part of the House on Senate amendments to House Bill No. 116.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 28, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has appointed Messrs. Christie of Leon, Nelson of Sumter, and Finlayson of Levy, on the Committee of Conference on House amendments to Senate Bill No. 313.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

The President appointed on the conference committee on Senate Bill No. 313 on part of the Senate, Messrs. Adams, Thompson and Williamson.

The President appointed Messrs. Reeves, Palmer of 11th, Chipley, Blitch of 20th and Reynolds.

By permission—

Mr. Hicks, Chairman of the Committee on Fisheries, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 28, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Fisheries, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 393:

A bill to be entitled an act for the protection of fish in certain waters of this State.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and refer same back to the Senate without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

HENRY C. HICKS,

Chairman Committee on Fisheries.

And the bill contained in the above report was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Wadsworth, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 28, 1895.

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 394 :

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Mutual Bank of Florida.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

B. D. WADSWORTH,

Chairman Committee on Corporations.

And the bill contained in the above report was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

By permission—

Mr. Reynolds, chairman of the special committee to investigate the alleged fraudulent issue of bonds, submitted the following report:

Whereas, The Senate of the State of Florida, has been informed that a certain issue of bonds of the State of Florida designated "letter B" was issued fraudulently and without authority of law; Now therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That a committee of two from the Senate and of three from the House of Representatives be appointed to act in conjunction with the attorney-general of the State of Florida to investigate the said issue of bonds, and to ascertain, as far as practicable, by whom held and the names of the person or persons responsible for such issue, and whether said issue was made with authority of law, with full powers to send for persons and papers and compel the attendance of witnesses to ascertain by whom and by what means said bonds were put in circulation.

Under the above resolution the Joint Committee beg leave to submit the following report:

As to the bonds described in said resolution, we found that they were the thirty bonds referred to in Comptroller Cowgill's report, page 8, under date of January 1, 1875.

Said bonds were made payable to the South Florida Railway company, and were a portion of the four million bonds declared unconstitutional by our supreme court.

They were deposited by one C. R. Alton, State engineer, in

1871, with a trust company in New York without authority of law.

Hon. David Yulee had suit instituted in New York for their possession, and they were found among his papers. His representatives did not claim them as a charge against the State, but delivered them to the State treasurer as worthless.

Your committee think the public interest would be subserved by having them destroyed in the presence of the Governor, Comptroller, Treasurer, and two other persons to be called in by them, and a record of the same be made in the Treasurer's and Comptroller's offices.

Your committee, during this investigation, had presented as a claim against the State 511 coupons, Nos. 1 and 2, for thirty dollars each, making a total of \$15,330.

These coupons were detached from the bonds of 1868 and 1869, and held by General William Ledwith, of Jacksonville, who claims to have secured them from Abijah Gilbert in the "early seventies."

We herewith attach a list of said coupons to this report, as we deem it of importance that such list should be carefully preserved, to-wit: (A)

As there are few now living who have a personal knowledge of the manner in which said bonds were disposed of, and as the record evidence is becoming annually more difficult to trace, your committee consider it a duty to give a detailed history of the same as secured from these records. In doing so, we have avoided as far as possible, any and all personal reflections contained in the various and detailed reports examined, and give only the facts necessary to a proper understanding of the claim presented by General Ledwith.

Chapter 1634, Laws of Florida, approved August 6th, 1868, authorized the Governor to issue \$300,000 of bonds bearing six per cent. interest, "to be sold by the comptroller or such other person as the Governor may designate."

On February 1st, 1869, chapter 1701, Laws of Florida, was approved.

This act authorized an additional issue of \$200,000, and placed the bonds issued under the act of August 6th, 1868, subject to its provisions. Those provisions directed the comptroller to appoint an agent in New York to sell said bonds at not less than seventy-five cents on the dollar, or to hypothecate them.

The legislature, however, by an act approved February 14th, 1870, took the control of these bonds out of Comptroller Gamble's hands and placed them at the disposal of Governor Reed.

Under these two acts were issued the \$500,000 of six per

cent. bonds that are so often referred to in the old official reports of the comptroller and treasurer as the bonds of 1868 and 1869. From a portion of these bonds were detached the coupons that General Ledwith now presents, and their history, therefore, is necessary to elucidate the validity of the claim.

Under date of April 23, 1872, Hon. R. H. Gamble, then comptroller, addressed an official letter to lieutenant and acting governor, Samuel T. Day, giving the status of these bonds.

The data in said letter conforms with that in the comptroller's official reports to Governor Reed, under date of January 2, 1871.

The following extracts from said letter are necessary to give the status of said bonds when they were placed under Governor Reed's control by the legislative act of February 14, 1870, above referred to.

[Letter from Comptroller.]

OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 23, 1872. }

SIR—In compliance with your request to know the disposition made by me of the bonds of the State issued under acts of 1868 and 1869, I respectfully state:

The amount of issue of these bonds was, under the act of 1868, \$300,000, and act of 1869 \$200,000, making \$500,000.

I delivered to A. B. Hawkins, sold to him by Governor Reed, thirty-six bonds.....	\$ 36,000
Sold to O. E. Austin, one bond.....	1,000
Sold to Harrison Reed, two bonds.....	2,000
Sold to E. M. Cheney, two bonds.....	2,000
Delivered to Adjutant-General G. B. Carse, by order of Governor Reed, to pay for arms, thirty bonds...	30,000
Hypothecated with G. W. Swepson, one hundred bonds.....	100,000
Hypothecated with Warehouse and Loan Company, eighty-two bonds.....	82,000
Hypothecated with Souter & Co., two hundred and forty-seven bonds.....	247,000
Total	\$500,000

By act of the legislature, February 14, 1870, the bonds were taken out of my control and placed at the disposal of the governor.

These transactions left the bonds at the time I ceased to have any connection with them, as follows:

Sold to A. B. Hawkins.....	36
Governor Reed.....	2
E. M. Cheney.....	2
O. E. Austin.....	1
M. S. Littlefield.....	5
Internal Improvement Fund.....	3
Pay for arms.....	30
Hypothecated with B. C. Lewis.....	8
Hypothecated with Souther & Co. (including the special deposit of 12).....	211
Hypothecated with George W. Swepson.....	100
Hypothecated with Warehouse and Loan Company.....	102
<hr/> Making.....	500
Or.....	\$590,000 00

Of their present status I have only information that reaches me unofficially.

Very respectfully,

R. H. GAMBLE,

Comptroller.

To Lieut. and Acting Governor Samuel T. Day,

Tallahassee."

After Governor Reed obtained control of the bonds, he entered into an agreement with M. S. Littlefield in 1870, by which General Littlefield contracted to purchase from Governor Reed all of the unsold bonds (421) at seventy-five cents, and in pursuance of this agreement the bonds were placed in General Littlefield's possession, but nothing was paid by him into the treasury for said bonds.

General Littlefield hypothecated \$298,000.00 of the bonds with L. P. Bayne & Co., of New York, who advanced money on them to relieve them of the claims of former hypothecation. When General Littlefield deposited these bonds with L. P. Bayne & Co. he detached the past due coupons, being Coupons Nos. 1 and 2.

See Comptroller Cowgill's report under date of January 1, 1874, and General Littlefield's letter quoted below addressed to C. A. Cowgill, comptroller, under date of April 10, 1873.

Governor Reed gave Littlefield 199 bonds of the State of Florida, of one thousand dollars each, viz: Nos. 118 to 200, payable 1889, and Nos. 185 to 300, payable in 1898, which had been formerly hypothecated with Souther & Co. Littlefield had also the 100 bonds of one thousand dollars each, which had been hypothecated with G. W. Swepson, as he was the attorney in fact for said Swepson. There is a discrepancy of one bond in the statements of Littlefield and Governor Reed, but it does not affect the case, as all agree

that Littlefield placed with L. P. Bayne & Co., 298 bonds of one thousand dollars each, which were held as collateral for money advanced by said Bayne & Co.

Littlefield when hypothecating these bonds with Bayne & Co., detached coupons 1 and 2 of said bonds as before stated.

At an extra session of the Legislature in February, 1873, a law was passed authorizing the issue of one million dollars of six per cent. bonds to fund the public debt.

Governor O. B. Hart and Comptroller C. A. Cowgill, who were then in office, entered into an agreement with L. P. Bayne & Co., who still held the bonds hypothecated by Littlefield, to exchange said hypothecated bonds for some of the bonds of 1873.

This agreement, dated Jacksonville, April 10, 1873, can be seen in full in Comptroller Cowgill's report under date of January 1, 1874.

The fact that General Littlefield had detached coupons Nos. 1 and 2 from the 1868 and 1869 bonds before hypothecating them with Bayne & Co. made it necessary, before taking them up, to secure the control of those detached coupons.

General Littlefield, who was in Florida at the same time the agreement with Bayne & Co. was made, addressed the following letter to the comptroller:

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., April 10, 1873.

Hon. C. A. Cowgill, Comptroller State of Florida:

I have the honor to state that in the matter of the negotiation of the State six per cent. bonds and the hypothecation of the same with me by the late Governor Harrison Reed, for moneys loaned by G. W. Swepson and myself to him, and to the late comptroller, Hon. Robert Gamble, and by reason of the governor not being able to pay the loans or any part thereof, I am compelled to borrow money on the bonds left in my hands as security, having the authority from Governor Reed so to do, to prevent the bonds from being sold at a great sacrifice in the open market, and the loan was made of L. P. Bayne & Co., of New York.

I have the honor to further state that none of the moneys so loaned have been paid by the State to me or to any person for me.

At the time of the last loan, I took a note from Governor Reed for about (\$134,000) one hundred and thirty-four thousand dollars, and since that time I have cut from the bonds past due, coupons, all of which I have now in my possession as well as the said note.

Now, this is to say that if you make a settlement with L. P. Bayne & Co., and take up the bonds, I will return to you

for cancellation the note and all of the said coupons, and will also receipt to the State my account for said several moneys in full.

This for myself and the assignee of Geo. W. Swepson.

Signed,

M. S. LITTLEFIELD,

M. S. LITTLEFIELD,

Attorney in fact for G. W. Swepson.

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., Feb. 4, 1874.

For value received from C. A. Cowgill, comptroller of the State of Florida, said value being \$160,000 paid to L. P. Bayne & Co. for me and in accordance with the promise contained in my letter of April 10, 1873, I hereby receipt to the State of Florida, in full, all my accounts for all moneys advanced by me or Geo. W. Swepson to Governor Reed or Comptroller Gamble, as stated by me in my account of April 9, 1873, and published in the comptroller's report of 1874.

Signed. M. S. LITTLEFIELD,

For himself and as attorney in fact for Geo. W. Swepson.

Here General Littlefield acknowledges that he had these detached coupons in his possession in April, 1873, and upon the State's settling with Bayne & Co. he would return the coupons to the State.

His receipt to Comptroller Cowgill shows that the claim was paid.

The State settled with Bayne & Co. upon this assurance, but Comptroller Cowgill states in his report, under date of January 1, 1874, that

"The note and coupons referred to in this paper have not been delivered to the State, as Mr. Littlefield says. They are in a safe in New York City to which no one has access but himself, and he has not been able to go after them since the agreement to deliver them was made."

The detached coupons held by General Littlefield not being delivered to the State, Comptroller Cowgill, after waiting many months, placed the following advertisement in three New York daily papers and in the official Florida papers. (At that time the law required official papers to be designated in each judicial circuit by the secretary of State.)

CAUTION.

All persons are hereby notified not to purchase any detached coupons of the State of Florida bonds, except those from the \$100 seven per cent. bonds of 1871, and from the six per cent. gold bonds of 1873, nor any of the following bonds of said State:

No. 2) of \$1,000 seven per cent., dated April 1st, 1867, payable in one year from date, with two coupons attached.

No. 185, \$1,000 six per cent, dated December 1st, 1868.

Nos. 106 to 117 and 153, thirteen six percent. coupon bonds of \$1,000 each, dated May 1st, 1869.

Nos. 81 to 90, and 121 to 140, thirty coupon bonds of \$1,000 each, dated July 1st, 1871, bearing eight per cent. gold interest, and payable to the South Florida Railway company or bearer.

Nor a note given by Harrison Reed, governor, to M. S. Littlefield in 1870, for about \$134,000, the obligation for which said note was given, having been fully settled.

C. A. COWGILL, Comptroller.

Tallahassee, Fla., August 8, 1874.

The facts then are established of the \$500,000.00 six per cent. bonds of 1868 and 1869, 79 only were sold and that the 421 remaining were only hypothecated, and afterward redeemed by the State. The State's title to these 421 bonds or any of the coupons, never became vested in any purchase.

Of the bonds hypothecated with Bayne & Co. by Littlefield, we have evidence of the numbers 199 of said bonds as shown in this report, and the numbers of the Ledwith coupons, show that many of them were the coupons detached from those bonds by Littlefield when he hypothecated them. We have not the numbers of the remaining bonds hypothecated with Bayne & Co. by Littlefield, but as Littlefield detached all of the Nos. one (1) and two (2) coupons from them, there seems little room to doubt but all of the coupons held by General Ledwith were those detached by Littlefield and belonged to the State. Littlefield never complied with his agreement to deliver them to the State, and as the State's title never passed to any one and as they were advertised in New York and Florida over twenty years ago, there can rest no legal or moral obligation upon the State to pay them. The record does not connect Abijah Gilbert's name in any manner with said coupons, and it seems passing strange that any one would hold those coupons for over twenty years, when they could have funded in our present six per cent. bonds, and interest secured upon an unquestioned security.

The letter of Littlefield shows that these coupons were past due when he detached them, and that they were then the property of the State. This being true, a bona fide purchaser for value without notice could only have acquired such title as Littlefield had to these past-due coupons; and the present holder of these coupons has no valid claim against the State.

Your committee, therefore, unanimously report that said coupons are not, and never were, a proper claim against the

State, and requests that this report be published as an appendix to the acts of 1895 that the facts may be properly perpetuated.

Very respectfully,
 WILLIAM H. REYNOLDS,
 F. ADAMS,
 Senate Committee.
 J. L. GASKINS,
 W. L. M. PINKHAM,
 T. L. CLARKE,
 House Committee.

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Below will be found, First, number of bond; second, coupon; third, signed by; fourth, when payable; fifth, where payable; sixth, amount (dollars).

2	1	R H Gamble, June 1, 1869, New York, 30
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7	1	R H Gamble, June 1, 1869, New York, 30
8	1	R H Gamble, June 1, 1869, New York, 30
9	1	R H Gamble, June 1, 1869, New York, 30
10	1	R H Gamble, June 1, 1869, New York, 30
11	1	R H Gamble, June 1, 1869, New York, 30
12	1	R H Gamble, June 1, 1869, New York, 30
13	1	R H Gamble, June 1, 1869, New York, 30
14	1	R H Gamble, June 1, 1869, New York, 30
15	1	R H Gamble, June 1, 1869, New York, 30
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23	1	R H Gamble, June 1, 1869, New York, 30
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32	1	R H Gamble, June 1, 1869, New York, 30

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83	1	R H Gamble, June 1, 1869, New York, 30
84	1	R H Gamble, June 1, 1866, New York, 30
85	1	R H Gamble, June 1, 1869, New York, 30
86	1	R H Gamble, June 1, 1869, New York, 30
87	1	R H Gamble, June 1, 1869, New York, 30
88	1	R H Gamble, June 1, 1869, New York, 30
89	1	R H Gamble, June 1, 1866, New York, 30
90	1	R H Gamble, June 1, 1869, New York, 30
91	1	R H Gamble, June 1, 1869, New York, 30
92	1	R H Gamble, June 1, 1869, New York, 30
93	1	R H Gamble, June 1, 1869, New York, 30
94	1	R H Gamble, June 1, 1869, New York, 30
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99	1	R H Gamble, June 1, 1869, New York, 30
100	1	R H Gamble, June 1, 1869, New York, 30
101	1	R H Gamble, June 1, 1869, New York, 30
118	1	R H Gamble, November 1, 1869, New York, 30
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120	1	R H Gamble, November 1, 1869, New York, 30
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By permission—

Mr. Darby introduced:

Senate Bill No. 376:

A bill to be entitled an act to punish the desertion of wife and children.

Mr. Darby moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 376 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 376 was read first time by its title.

Mr. Darby moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 376 be read the second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 376 was read second time by its title.

Mr. Darby moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 376 be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote

And Senate Bill No. 376 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blich of 20th, Chipley, Dougherty, Hartridge, Hicks, Morrow, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Perrenot, Phipps, Reynolds, Thomas, Thompson, Wadsworth, Whidden and Williamson—20.

Nays—Messrs. Daniel, Fleming, Palmer of 11th and Reeves—4.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

And Senate Bill No. 376 was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Broome called up—

Senate Bill No. 322:

A bill to be entitled an act to fix the pay of members and and attaches.

And Senate Bill No. 322 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Chipley, Dougherty, Fleming, Hartridge, Hicks, Morrow, McLin, Peacock, Perrenot, Phipps, Reeves, Reynolds, Thompson, Wadsworth and Whidden—17.

Nays—Messrs. Blich of 20th, Broome, Daniel, McKinney, McLeran, Palmer of 14th, Thomas, Weeks and Williamson—9.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

And the action of the Senate was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

By permission—

Mr. McLeran, Chairman of Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 28, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate :

SIR—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act for the relief of Frances I. Granger, widow of B. G. Granger, deceased, late clerk of the county of DeSoto.

Also,

An act to protect owners of stallions, jacks and bulls.

Also,

An act to allow sheriffs to serve papers when made ex-officio defendants and to accept service therein.

Also,

An act to repeal an act entitled an act to organize a county court in and for DeSoto county; to prescribe its jurisdiction and powers; to provide for the appointment of a prosecuting attorney, and for his compensation, and for the compensation of the judge of said court, approved May 17, 1893.

Also,

An act to incorporate the Titusville, Canaveral and Peninsular Railroad company, and to grant certain lands to aid in the construction of the same.

Also,

An act to prohibit lotteries and games of chance, and to prescribe penalties therefor.

Also,

An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Western Peninsular Railroad company, and to grant certain aid in the construction thereof, approved May 26, 1893.

Also,

An act confirming the rights, powers and franchises of the Tropical Development and Navigation company of Florida, and granting aid thereto.

Also,

An act to amend sections 2, 6, 9, 11 and 18, chapter 4272, of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act to incorporate the Savings and Trust Bank of Florida, and to confer certain rights and privileges thereon, and to enlarge the powers and privileges of the said bank.

Beg leave to report that they have been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and are herewith presented for the signature of the President and Secretary of the Senate.

Very respectfully,

A. W. McLERAN,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Enrolled.

The President gave notice that he was about to sign—

An act for the relief of Frances I. Granger, widow of B. G. Granger, deceased, late clerk of the county of DeSoto.

Also,

An act to protect owners of stallions, jacks and bulls.

Also,

An act to allow sheriffs to serve papers, when made ex-officio defendants and to accept service therein.

Also,

An act to repeal an act entitled an act to organize a county court in and for DeSoto county, to prescribe its jurisdiction and powers, to provide for the appointment of a prosecuting attorney and for his compensation and for the compensation of the judge of said court; approved May 17, 1893.

Also,

An act to incorporate the Titusville, Canaveral and Peninsular Railroad company, and to grant certain lands to aid in the construction of the same.

Also,

An act to prohibit lotteries and games of chance, and to prescribe penalties therefor.

Also,

An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Western Peninsular Railroad company, and to grant certain aid in the construction thereof, approved May 5, 1893.

Also,

An act confirming the rights, powers and franchises of the Tropical, Development and Navigation company of Florida, and granting aid thereto.

Also,

An act to amend sections 2; 6, 9, 11 and 18, chapter 4272, of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act to incorporate the Savings and Trust Bank of Florida, and to confer certain rights and privileges on the said bank.

The acts were thereupon duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the Governor for his approval.

By permission—
Mr. McLeran, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 28, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act for the relief of Frances I. Granger, widow of B. G. Granger, deceased, late clerk of the county of DeSoto.

Also,

An act to protect owners of stallions, jacks and bulls.

Also,

An act to allow sheriffs to serve papers, when made ex-officio defendants and to accept service therein.

Also,

An act to repeal an act entitled an act to organize a county court in and for DeSoto county; to prescribe its jurisdiction and powers; to provide for the appointment of a prosecuting attorney, and for his compensation, and for the compensation of the judge of said court, approved May 17, 1893.

Also,

An act to incorporate the Titusville, Canaveral and Peninsular Railroad company, and to grant certain lands to aid in the construction of the same.

Also,

An act to prohibit lotteries and games of chance, and to prescribe penalties therefor.

Also,

An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Western Peninsular Railroad Company and to grant certain aid in the construction thereof, approved May 26, 1893.

Also,

An act confirming the rights, powers and franchises of the Tropical Development and Navigation Company of Florida, and granting aid thereto.

Also,

An act to amend sections 2, 6, 9, 11 and 18, chapter 4272, of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act to incorporate the Savings and Trust Bank of Florida, and to confer certain rights and privileges thereon and to enlarge the powers and privileges on the said bank.

Beg leave to report that they have been delivered to the Governor for his approval.

Very respectfully,

A. W. McLERAN,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Senators Adams, Williamson and Thompson were excused to attend to committee duties.

By permission—

Mr. Reeves introduced:

Senate Bill No. 377:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend chapter 4019 of the Laws of Florida, the same being an act entitled an act to amend section 2 of an act approved February 28, 1883, entitled an act to prescribe a mode whereby counties may erect court houses and other buildings; approved May 4, 1891.

Mr. Reeves moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 377 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Reeves moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 377 be read second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 377 was read second time by its title.

Mr. Reeves moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 377 be read the third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 377 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Blitch of 20th, Chipley, Daniel, Dougherty, Fleming, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks, Morrow, Palmer of 11th, Perrenot, Phipps, Reeves, Reynolds, Thompson, Whidden and Williamson—18.

Nays—Messrs. Adams, Darby, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Thomas and Wadsworth—9.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Chipley moved that all bills passed this afternoon be immediately certified to the House of Representatives;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of 14th called up—

Senate Bill No. 296:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors, wines and beer within a radius of five miles of the Florida Agricultural College.

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 296 be read second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 296 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 296 be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 296 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Blitch of 20th, Broome, Chipley, Darby, Hicks, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Perrenot, Reeves, Reynolds, Thomas, Thompson, Wadsworth, Weeks and Whidden—17.

Nays—Messrs. Bailey, Fleming, Hartridge, Marks, Morrow, Palmer of 11th and Phipps—7.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

By permission—

Mr. Bailey, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 28, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate :

SIR—Your Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 60 :

A bill to be entitled an act to promote and protect the horticultural and agricultural interests of the State of Florida.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

E. B. BAILEY,
Chairman Committee on Agriculture.

And the bill contained in the above report was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Peacock called up—

House Bill No. 194:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal chapter 397 $\frac{1}{2}$, Laws of Florida, being an act to incorporate the town of Bluff Springs in Escambia county, Florida; approved May 31, 1889.

Mr. Peacock moved that the rules be waived, and House Bill No. 194 be read second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 194 was read second time by its title.

Mr. Peacock moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 194 be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 194 was read a third time in full.

Upon the call of roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Blitch of 20th, Broome, Chipley, Darby, Fleming, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Peacock, Perrenot, Phipps, Reeves, Reynolds, Thomas, Thompson, Wadsworth, Weeks, Whidden and Williamson—24.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Thompson moved that the rules be waived and that messages from the House of Representatives be taken up;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 28, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 368:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the South Florida Military and Educational Institute and to provide an appropriation therefor.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 363 was ordered referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 28, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 375:

A bill to be entitled an act to fix the fees for inspection and disinfection of vessels for the port of Fernandina.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 375 was referred to Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 28, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives pursuant to request of the Senate to return thereto House Joint Resolution Nos. 32 and 83.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

The resolutions in above messages were passed informally.

Mr. Perrenot called up—

Senate Bill No. 310:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend sections 2397 and 2398 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, defining and punishing the offence of robbery.

And Senate Bill No. 310 was read a second time in full.

And Senate Bill No. 310 was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Phipps called up—

House Bill No. 361:

A bill to be entitled an act to continue the powers, rights, privileges and grants of the DeSoto, Fort Myers and Gulf Railroad Company, with an extension to Biscayne Bay, or some other available point on the Atlantic.

Mr. Phipps moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 361 be read second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 361 was read second time by its title, together with committee amendments.

Mr. Phipps moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Phipps moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 361 be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 361 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Blitch of 20th, Chipley, Daniel Dougherty, Fleming, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Perrenot, Phipps, Reeves, Reynolds, Thomas, Thompson and Whidden—23.

Nays—None.

So House Bill No. 361 passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Reeves called up—

House Bill No. 401:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Atlantic and Gulf Railroad Company and to grant certain aid in the construction thereof.

Mr. Reynolds moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 401 be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 401 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Blitch of 20th, Chipley, Dougherty, Hartridge, Marks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Perrenot, Reeves, Reynolds, Thomas, Thompson, Wadsworth and Whidden—20.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Reynolds called up—

House Bill No. 285:

A bill to be entitled an act requiring the boards of public

instruction from the several counties of this State and treasurers of county school funds to make and publish authorized financial statements of their dealings with county school funds.

Mr. Chipley moved that the rules be waived, and House Bill No. 285 be read second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 285 was read second time by its title.

Mr. Chipley moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 285 be read the third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 285 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Blitch of 20th, Broome, Chipley, Daniel, Dougherty, Hartridge, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Perrenot, Reeves, Reynolds, Thomas, Wadsworth and Whidden—20.

Nays—Mr. Weeks—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Thomas called up—

Senate Bill No. 321:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of James M. Driver and W. H. Bigham.

Mr. Thomas moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 321 be read second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 321 was read second time by its title.

Mr. Thomas moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 321 be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 321 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Blitch of 20th, Broome, Chipley, Daniel, Darby, Dougherty, Hartridge, Marks, Morrow, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Perrenot, Reynolds, Thomas, Thompson, Wadsworth, Weeks and Whidden—21.

Nays—Mr. Palmer of 11th—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

By permission—

Mr. Daniel, Chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 28, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 411:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend sections 23, 38, 46 and 47 of an act entitled an act to provide for the registration of all legally qualified voters in the several counties of the State, and to provide for general and special elections, and for the returns of elections, approved May 25, 1895.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and recommend its passage.

Very respectfully,

W. J. DANIEL,

Chairman of Committee on Privileges and Elections.

And the bill contained in the above report was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Thompson called up—

Senate Bill No. 364:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of C. W. Hilliard and J. S. Bailey, partners as Hilliard & Bailey.

Mr. Thompson moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 364 be read second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 364 was read second time by its title.

Mr. Thompson moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 364 be read the third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 364 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blitch of 20th, Chipley, Daniel, Darby, Dougherty, Fleming, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Reynolds, Thomas, Thompson, Wadsworth, Weeks, Whidden and Williamson—25.

Nays—None.

So Senate Bill No. 364 passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

• Mr. Wadsworth called up—

Senate Memorial No. 342:

A memorial to Congress asking for an appropriation for further examination of "Bear's Cut," and other entries to Biscayne Bay harbor, in Dade County, Florida, based upon the recent report of the United States government survey, and for improving the same.

Mr. Wadsworth moved that the rules be waived and Senate Memorial No. 342 be read second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Memorial No. 342 was read second time by its title.

Mr. Wadsworth moved that the rules be waived and Senate Memorial No. 342 be read a third time put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Memorial No. 342 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blitch of 20th, Chipley, Daniel, Darby, Fleming, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Perrenot, Reynolds, Thompson, Wadsworth, Weeks, Whidden and Williamson—24.

Nays—None.

So Senate Memorial No. 342 passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Weeks called up—

Senate Bill No. 301:

A bill to be entitled an act for the assessment of stocks, bonds, mortgages, notes, deposits of money, and other valuable things, fire, life and accident insurance policies for the purpose of taxation, and to provide for the collection of taxes thereon.

Mr. Weeks moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 301 be read second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 301 was read second time by its title.

Mr. Weeks moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 301 be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 301 was read a third time in full.

Pending discussion of which—

Mr. Williamson moved that further consideration of Senate

Bill No. 301 be postponed until Thursday next at 12 o'clock;
Which was agreed to.

Mr. Weeks moved that Senate Bill No. 301 be placed back on its second reading for amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved that when the Senate adjourn, it adjourn until 8:30 o'clock this evening;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of the 11th moved that the Senate do now adjourn;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 8:30 o'clock this evening.

EVENING SESSION.

8:30 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Broome, Chipley, Daniel, Darby, Dougherty, Fleming, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Perrenot, Phipps, Reynolds, Thompson, Wadsworth, Weeks and Whidden—21.

A quorum present.

Mr. Chipley asked that Senators Reeves, Palmer of 11th, Blitch of 20th, Reynolds and Chipley be excused to attend to committee duty;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Phipps asked a leave of absence for the balance of the session after to-night;

Which was granted.

The President handed down the following message from the Governor:

STATE OF FLORIDA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
TALLAHASSEE, May 28, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I have the honor to request that this office be furnished a list of all attaches of the Senate at the present

session, the date of their employment, when discharged, and the amount of compensation allowed each one.

Very respectfully,

H. L. MITCHELL,
Governor of Florida.

Mr. Adams moved that the Secretary of the Senate furnish the information under his official signature;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Adams moved the roll-call, under progress at adjournment this afternoon, be completed;

Which was agreed to.

And,

Mr. Whidden called up—

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 254:

A Senate concurrent resolution relating to an appropriation by Congress for the improvement of the mouth of Peace river and Charlotte harbor.

Mr. Whidden moved that the rules be waived and Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 254 be read second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 254 was read second time by its title.

Mr. Whidden moved that the rules be waived and Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 254 be read the third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 254 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Broome, Daniel, Darby, Dougherty, Fleming, Hartridge, Marks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Perrenot, Phipps, Thompson, Wadsworth, Weeks and Whidden—21.

Nays—None.

So Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 254 passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Morrow called up—

Senate Bill No. 269:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the county of Brevard to issue bonds, for the purpose of constructing good county roads.

Mr. Morrow moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 269 be read second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 269 was read second time by its title.

Mr. Morrow moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 269 be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 269 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Broome, Daniel, Darby, Fleming, Hartridge, Marks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Perrenot, Phipps, Thompson, Wadsworth, Whidden and Williamson—20.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Williamson moved that he be permitted to call up House Bill No. 30, and be allowed to withdraw Senate Bill No. 192;

Which was granted.

Mr. Williamson called up—

House Bill No. 30:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent illegal voting at primary elections.

And House Bill No. 30 was read a second time in full.

Mr. Weeks offered the following amendment:

After section 4 add as section 5: "Provided the provisions of this act shall only apply to the Democratic party."

Mr. Weeks moved the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. Weeks withdrew the amendment.

Mr. Dougherty moved that House Bill No. 30 be indefinitely postponed.

The yeas and nays were called for.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Chipley, Daniel, Dougherty, Fleming, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks, Morrow, McLeran, Palmer of 11th, Peacock, Perrenot, Phipps, Thompson, Wadsworth and Whidden—18.

Nays—Messrs. Broome, Darby, McKinney, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Weeks and Williamson—7.

So the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Reynolds was excused from voting.

Mr. McKinney called up—

House Bill No. 239:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 2651 of the Revised Statutes of Florida relating to gambling.

Mr. McKinney moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 239 be read second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 239 was read second time by its title.

Mr. McKinney moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 239 be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 239 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Broome, Daniel, Darby, Dougherty, Fleming, Hartridge, Marks, McKinney, McLin, Perrenot, Phipps, Thompson, Weeks and Williamson—15.

Nays—Messrs. Adams, Chipley, Hicks, McLeran, Palmer of 14th and Whidden—6.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Daniel called up—

House Bill No. 134:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend sections 1099, 1100, 1103 and 1104, of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to the compensation of witnesses, the manner of obtaining the same, and the mode of compelling the attendance of witnesses in civil cases.

Mr. Daniel moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 134 be read a third time, and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 134 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Broome, Chipley, Daniel, Darby, Dougherty, Fleming, Hartridge, Palmer of 11th, Phipps, Reynolds and Thompson—12.

Nays—Messrs. Adams, Hicks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, Palmer of 14th, Weeks and Whidden—8.

So House Bill No. 134 passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. McLeran moved that the rules be waived, and House Bill No. 411 be taken up.

Mr. McLeran called up—

House Bill No. 411:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend sections 23, 38, 46 and 47 of an act entitled an act to provide for the registration of all legally qualified voters in several counties of this State, and to provide for general and special elections, and for the returns of elections; approved May 25, 1895.

Mr. Dougherty moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 411 be read second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 411 was read second time by its title.

Mr. Dougherty moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 411 be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 411 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Chipley, Daniel, Dougherty, Fleming, Hartridge, Hicks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Perrenot, Phipps, Thompson, Wadsworth and Whidden—19.

Nays—Mr. Darby—1.

So House Bill No. 411 passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Hartridge moved that the rules be waived so that he might move a reconsideration of the vote by which House Joint Resolution No. 83 was lost on yesterday;

Which was agreed to by a two thirds vote.

Pursuant to notice given this morning Mr. Hartridge moved that the vote by which House Joint Resolution No. 83 was not adopted yesterday be reconsidered;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hartridge moved that consideration of House Joint Resolution No. 83 be made the special order for 10 o'clock, Wednesday, May 29, 1895;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty moved that the rules be waived that he might move to reconsider the vote by which House Joint Resolution No. 32, as amended, was not adopted on yesterday;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Dougherty moved that the vote by which House Joint Resolution No. 32, as amended, failed to pass on yesterday be reconsidered;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved that the vote by which the amendment of the committee to House Joint Resolution No. 32 was adopted be reconsidered;

Which was agreed to.

The question being upon the adoption of the committee amendment;

The amendment was not agreed to.

The question recurring upon the passage of House Joint Resolution No. 32.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Blitch of 20th, Broome, Chipley, Daniel, Darby, Dougherty, Fleming, Hicks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Perrenot, Phipps, Reynolds, Thompson, Weeks, Whidden and Williamson—23.

Nays—Messrs. Hartridge and Marks—2.

So House Joint Resolution No. 32, having received the necessary three-fifths vote of all the members elected to the Senate was adopted.

By permission—

Mr. Reeves, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 28, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 310:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend sections 2397 and 2398 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, defining and punishing the offence of robbery.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

L. J. REEVES,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Mr. Hartridge moved that the Senate do now adjourn;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 9:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, May 29, 1895.

Confirmations.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

For Leon county: F. T. Christie, John Bradford, W. R. Wilson, Hugh Black, Julius Diamond.

For Alachua county: W. M. Blitch, L. R. Thomas, J. D. Matheson, C. D. Ward, T. R. Kennedy.

For Monroe county: Chas. Curry, John F. Navarro, Jas. W. Curry, Jas. R. Curry, Jr., John Williams.

For Suwannee county: District 1, Robt. F. Allison; District 3, H. B. Peacock; District 4, Jas. Parish.

For St. Johns county: W. A. Mickler, Jas. Masters, Chas. F. Bailey, Bartolo Genovar, R. J. Oliver.

For Citrus county: District No. 1—O. P. Keller.

For Members of Board of Health for Escambia County: Dr. F. G. Renshaw, Alexander Grant.

For Trustees of State Agricultural College: A. B. Hagan, Lake City; S. Stringer, Brooksville; S. J. Turnbull, Monticello; F. E. Harris, Ocala; Walter Gwynn, Sanford; C. F. A. Bielby, De Land; W. D. Chipley, Pensacola.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 1895.

The Senate convened pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blitch of 20th, Chipley, Daniel, Darby, Dougherty, Fleming, Genovar, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Perrenot, Reeves, Reynolds, Thomas, Thompson, Wadsworth, Weeks, Whidden and Williamson—29.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

Mr. Broome was excused for the day on account of illness.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Fleming, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 29, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on City and County Organization, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 327:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize municipal corpora-